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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Special Assistant to the
President for National
Security Affairs

The Deputy Under Secretary
of State for Political Affairs

The Deputy Secretary of Defense

Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Coverage of the Schuang Cheng Tzu Missile
Test Rangehead

1. The attached document is a proposal for U-2 reconnaissance
of the Schuang Cheng Tzu Missile Test Rangehead (MTR),

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2. It is recommended that approval be given for a U-2 mission
to perform photographic coverage of the MTR in the fashion described
above.

SIGNED

BROCKWAY MCMILLAN

Director

(S) National Reconnaissance Office

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Proposal Book

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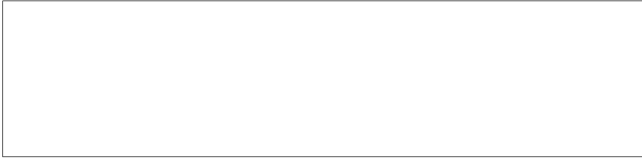


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I. REQUIREMENT

There has been a standing requirement of a highest priority for photographic reconnaissance of the Schuang Cheng Tzu Missile Test Rangehead (MTR), 





The time is at hand to up-date our knowledge of activities at the MTR 

 The mission will be planned in such a manner that Paotou and the environs of Peiping can be covered incident to the proposed mission, subject to weather.

References:

USIB-D-41.14/91, 30 December 1963 - (A review of the USIB-approved long-range reconnaissance program for the Far East which recommended semi-annual coverage of the MTR between the months of October and May.)

USIB-D-41.14/93, 6 January 1964 - (In which COMOR explained its intent to ask for special missions against the MTR Rangehead  indicated such a requirement.)


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IV. SELECTED CLIMATOLOGY - JUNE

A. GENERAL:

The southwest monsoon, which is the prevailing feature for the summer, does not reach the area until 15-25 July. The transition from the winter monsoon produces quite cloudy conditions as the storm track moves through North China.

B. MTR-PAOTOU:

Mean cloudiness averages 50%. Mean number of clear to scattered days of cloud cover is 7. Most of the cloudiness is confined to the northern limits of the mountains while the desert to the north remains relatively clear.

C. PEIPING:

Mean cloudiness averages near 60%. Mean number of clear to scattered days is 4-5. The flow of warm, moist air from the south begins to displace the cold, dry air, bringing widespread cloudiness and frequent precipitation.

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